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In re the Application of: Tony A. Opheim

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For: PROVIDING A VIA WITH AN INCREASED VIA CONTACT AREA

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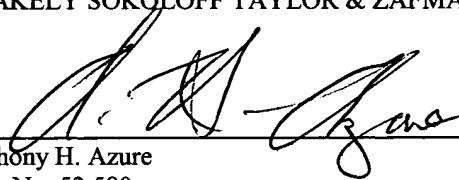
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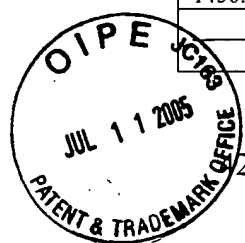
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REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2005, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments and to consider the following remarks.